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Section 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.

Section 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
<b>Steamers.</b>						
Active	2 h Revabook Dan.	288	April 23	A. R. Marty	Haiphong	To-morrow
Albany	3 f Porter Brit.	1487	April 21	Adams, Bell & Co.	London	To-morrow
Antonio Munoz	3 f Ochoz Span.	1327	April 21	Ramada & Co.	Barcelona	To-morrow
Bangalore	2 h Hassall Brit.	1309	April 16	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama & Higo	To-morrow
Bonary	1 k Bontiller Brit.	1019	April 24	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Bongal	3 c Grou Brit.	1397	April 22	Adams, Bell & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Bonelli	7 c Thomson Brit.	1000	April 23	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Bonville	2 h Hogg Brit.	1407	April 19	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Bothwell Castle	3 c Tod Brit.	1653	Feb. 14	Adams, Bell & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Caingorm	3 c Jack Brit.	1165	April 17	Borneo Co. Limited	Saigon	To-morrow
Claymore	3 c Gulland Brit.	1058	April 25	Russell & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Duburg	2 c Schütz Ger.	1007	April 19	Molchers & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Ramerdia	2 h Hutcheson Brit.	395	April 25	Russell & Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Fongkang	3 h Stapan Brit.	117	April 25	H. K. & W. Poon Dock Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Glencoe	3 c Park Brit.	1100	April 23	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
Haikong	3 h Gullard Brit.	277	April 25	Douglas Steamship Co.	Amoy, &c.	To-morrow
Hainan	3 k Woon Brit.	281	Nov. 28	H. C. & M. S. boat Co.	Amoy, &c.	To-morrow
Idani	3 h Wallace Brit.	981	Mar. 13	Captain	Amoy	To-morrow
Jeddah	2 h Geary Brit.	938	April 23	Chinese	Amoy	To-morrow
Kashgar	3 c Wolber Brit.	1315	April 21	H. C. & M. S. boat Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Kong Beng	3 c Jones Brit.	802	April 21	Yuen Fat Hong	Amoy	To-morrow
Kumamoto Maru	4 c Drummond Japan.	1240	April 20	M. B. M. S. S. Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Medusa	5 h Ragusa Aust.	1775	April 19	Molchers & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Mudano	3 c Gonzales Span.	650	Mar. 4	Dunn, Melby & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Mosser	3 c Longley Brit.	1323	April 18	Russell & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Naples	3 h Thom Brit.	1473	April 18	Russell & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Ningpo	3 h Crawford Brit.	761	April 30	Siemens & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Port Phillip	3 h Dalling Brit.	1732	Mar. 20	Siemens & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Prinz Alexander	3 c Eckert Ger.	2260	April 1	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Rohilla	3 c Baratt Brit.	2521	April 23	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Sesayn	3 h McKenna Brit.	1040	April 25	Bon H. Chin	Amoy	To-morrow
Sea Thule	3 h Pocock Brit.	820	April 22	Douglas Steamship Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Welle	2 h Piper Ger.	393	April 14	Weiler & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
<b>Sailing Vessels.</b>						
Alco Muir	3 c Henry Brit.	480	April 13	Captain	Amoy	To-morrow
Amu	3 c Schildt Ger.	1205	April 9	Captain	Amoy	To-morrow
Catania	3 c Williams Brit.	484	April 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Ceylon	3 h Barstow Amer.	647	April 6	Russell & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Charlotte	3 c Stora Ger.	30	April 14	Molchers & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Don Enrique	3 c McAllister Brit.	1312	April 2	Morris & Ray	Amoy	To-morrow
Esmeralda	3 c Jaeger Ger.	789	April 9	Carlowitz & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Frank Carvell	3 c Chapman Brit.	1489	April 9	Order	Amoy	To-morrow
Hercules	3 c Lincoln Amer.	1215	Feb. 5	Captain	Amoy	To-morrow
Levi C. Wade	3 k Bagley Amer.	1452	April 9	Captain	Amoy	To-morrow
Margaret	3 c Poppe Ger.	1228	Feb. 17	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Martha	3 c McPherson Brit.	853	April 19	Russell & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Martha P. Tucker	3 c Smith Amer.	1041	Mar. 20	Adams, Bell & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
McLure	3 c Bates Amer.	935	April 19	Russell & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Navesink	3 c Weeks Amer.	725	Mar. 30	Russell & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Niederhof	3 k Rabarth Ger.	200	April 19	Siemens & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Penobscot	3 c Easton Amer.	1067	Jan. 21	Russell & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Rambler	3 c King Amer.	1116	Feb. 22	H. J. H. Hipp	Amoy	To-morrow
Rapier	3 c Sheran Amer.	1493	Mar. 11	Douglas Steamship Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Spartan	3 c Crossly Amer.	749	Mar. 31	Russell & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Three Brothers	2 h Kalchuck Brit.	393	April 8	E. E. Tye Hong	Amoy	To-morrow
Twilight	3 c Warland Amer.	1293	June 8	Order	Amoy	To-morrow
Walls Castle	3 c Kennett Brit.	625	April 18	Latus, Crawford & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow
Yanvath	7 c Buick Brit.	401	April 3	Dilroy, Dalrymple & Co.	Amoy	To-morrow

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Champion	corvette	2380	14	2340	Captain A. T. Powlett	Hongkong
Cleopatra	corvette	2300	14	2610	Captain H. N. Hippley	Shanghai
Cockchafer	gunboat	465	4	470	Lieut.-Com. Robt. L. Groome	Chefoo
Caraco	corvette	2383	14	2548	Captain Anstruther	Shanghai
Daring	composite sloop	420	4	620	Commander Lawrence Ching	Canton
Eak (Tender to Flying Espoir (Fish)	double-screw gunboat	360	3	340	Lieut.-Com. Henry E. Roper	Hongkong
Esparir	gunboat	490	4	455	Commander E. H. Gamble	Chinkiang
Flying Fish	sloop	940	4	840	Captain J. P. Macfar	Foochow
Fy	double-screw gun-vessel	640	4	400	Commander John Hoyle	Foochow
Forlorn	gunboat	460	4	470	Lieut.-Commander McQuibao	Foochow
Kestrel	double screw gun-vessel	710	4	830	Commander E. Hotham	Singapore
Linnot	double screw gun-vessel	757	5	1050	Commander Geo. W. Hill	Amoy, cruise
Maggie	surveying vessel	803	3	600	Commander Vereker	Ponang
Merlin	gunboat	490	—	—	Commander R. B. C. Brenton	Hoihow
Midge	double-screw gun-vessel	1165	4	970	Commander E. Tisdale	Chefoo
Pogaua	composite screw sloop	460	6	470	Commander Bickford	Singapore
Sapphire	corvette	1370	12	2360	Captain Wulston	Yokohama
Swift	double-screw gun-vessel	734	5	1040	Commander F. M. Collins	Amoy
Twoid	double-screw gunboat	360	3	310	In reserve	Hongkong
Victor Emanuel	receiving ship	3087	20	—	Commodore Guming	Hongkong
Vigilant	paddle despatch-vessel	835	2	1290	Lieut.-Com. Maxwell	Hongkong
Wivern	target-ship	1800	4	1450	In reserve	Hongkong
Zephyr	gunboat	450	4	530	Lieut.-Com. Chas. K. Hope	Singapore